

ENFIELD ETHICS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2015

A regular meeting of the Enfield Ethics Commission was held at Town Hall in the Enfield Room, located at 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on April 20, 2015.

PRESENT: Commissioners Roy Nash, David LaPierre, Mary Scutt and Philip Kober. Also attending was Town Attorney Kevin Deneen.

Chairman Roy Nash called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of prior meeting minutes: A motion (Nash/Kober) to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 meeting carried.

Correspondence: The commission discussed an email sent to Commissioner Nash in which a council member asked about the ability of another council member to vote on an issue. Commissioner Nash and Attorney Deneen noted that the code of ethics dictates that advisory opinions are given when someone asks about their own voting abilities and not those of someone else. It was decided to forward the issue to the Town Attorney's office for advice.

Review of Rules of Procedure and Rules and Regulations: The commission continued its review of the Rules of Procedure and Rules and Regulations documents which require updates in language and content.

The commission discussed:

- Procedures for complaints versus advisory opinions;
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- Creating a formal letter of acknowledgement for complaints received;
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- Cross examination, re-cross; direct examination and re-direct;
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- Peripheral information and hearsay evidence;
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- Dismissing cases deemed without merit;
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- The timetable for scheduling hearings, notifying complainants and defendants, etc.;
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- Terms of office for commissioners;
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- Minimum votes required for a positive finding.

The commission's next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015.

A motion (Scutt/Kober) to adjourn carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.